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**To:** Monday, April 14, 2008 12:23 PM  
**Subject:** DOT STIP  
I Support the STIP

I heartily support the Lynn Canal Highway Project in the STIP and feel it is the most important project in the State. I wish it were already in place and available for use. I'm a Juneau resident and the highway would make the quality of life here even better. I believe both the economy and recreational opportunities will be increased with the construction of the highway. Additionally, I believe the highway's construction makes sense ecologically. With the highway in place we'll not need the ferries to run all the way up the canal, thereby reducing the hydrocarbon footprint. The project also makes sense from a fiscal perspective. Though the upfront costs are high, the State will save in the long run over the high cost of construction and maintenance for this leg of the ferry system. The only item that would make the project more attractive is if it were possible to take it all the way to Skagway. I encourage you to get the project moving, so we can all enjoy it!

Thank You,  
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